(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken or the decision made by the Government on that petition?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No such petition was received from the members of the Minachil-Ramapuram Visvakarma Samajam in Kumbhom 1106.

(*b*) In view of the above answer, this question does not arise.

Minimum qualification for appointment as Head Mistresses and Assistant Inspectresses

93. **MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR** (*Ambalapuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any order has been issued prescribing the minimum qualification for the appointment of Head Mistresses of English middle schools for girls and Assistant Inspectresses of girls;

(*b*) if so, the minimum qualification so prescribed;

(*c*) whether this order affects the appointment of those who are already permanment Head Mistresses and Assistant Inspectresses, but not possessing this minimum qualification;

(*d*) whether they have received any complaint from any Head Mistresses or any Assistant Inspectresses, jointly or separately, about the hardships of such an order; and

(*e*) if so, whether any exemption has been granted to any of the complainants?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes, but the order does not affect the undergraduates who were working as Assistant Inspectresses of girls' schools at the time it was issued.

(*b*) B. A., L. T.

(*c*) Yes. It affects the undergraduates who were working as Head Mistresses of English middle schools for girls at the time it was issued but not Assistant Inspectresses in the same position.

(*d*) Yes. From Head Mistresses of English Middle Schools for Girls.

(*e*) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*): With reference to part (*a*) of the question, may I know why Government thought it necessary to create a difference, among Assistant Inspectresses, in the treatment accorded to them?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Assistant Inspectresses had very long service in administrative and executive work, and it was considered that it would be a hardship to them to transfer them as assistants in schools after they had been in independent positions for years. Further, they may not now be fit to teach as they have been long out of touch with teaching work. On the other hand, the Head Mistresses were already in the teaching line, so that there would be no hardship in retaining them there.

MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*): Are not the cases of Head Mistresses of long teaching experience equally hard.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are Head Mistresses who have had long experience; and they continue to teach.

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MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*): Why were they given a different treatment with regard to the operation of this rule?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have explained the position. There was really no hardship in the case of the Head Mistresses except that they lost the local allowance.

Attendance of doctors in Nagercoil District Hospital.

94. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Are the Government aware that doctors of the Nagercoil District Hospital (save the present lady doctor) attend the hospital in the morning invariably after 9 o'clock?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know at what time doctors are expected to attend hospitals?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): 7-30 A. M

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): How do the Government verify whether doctors attend hospitals at 7-30 A. M.?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Inspecting Medical Officer checks that occasionally during inspection.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): How many visits does he make to District Hospitals?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That is left to his convenience.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Is there any attendance register maintained in the hospitals?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Has there been any surprise visit by the Inspecting Medicial Officer before 8 A. M. or 9 A. M.?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That information is not now available.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Are the Government prepared to take any statement that, at present, doctors, except lady doctors, do not attend hospitals at 7-30 A. M.?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Government will enquire into the matter.

Resolutions passed by the Onattukara Karshaka Samajam.

95. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether thay have received a memorial from the Secretary, Karshaka Samajam, Onattukara, Muttam, forwarding a copy of the resolution passed at a special session of the said Samajam held on the 5th Vrischikam 1108;

(*b*) whether the prayer in the above memorial for the extension of time by one month for payment at concessional rates of the Kandukrishi Pattam for 1107 has been considered by them;

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